

Appl. No. 10/617,436  
Amdt. Dated December 6, 2004  
Reply to Office action of September 21, 2004

### REMARKS

This communication is being submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the USPTO on September 21, 2004. The undersigned expresses his gratitude for the indication of allowable subject matter. Non-elected claims 26 and 27 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 have been amended to delete the non-elected subject matter. The definition for "R<sup>5</sup>" has been deleted since it is relevant to only heterocyclic moieties.

The undersigned respectfully requests that the USPTO acknowledge Applicants claims to priority. Specifically, the claim to United States Provisional application, 60/199,044 filed, April 21, 2000 (under 35 USC 119) and United States Patent No. 6,620,830 filed, April 17, 2001 (under 35 USC 120). PTO form 326 has not been marked to reflect this claim.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. An early notification of allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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